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SUBJECT: DPC MEETING, SEPTEMBER 19: SACEUR'S COMBAT  
EFFECTIVENESS REPORT

REF: STATE 183857

1. SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS EMPHASIZED THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH HE REGARDED SACEUR'S RISK ASSESSMENT; UNDERLINED THE FACT THE SACEUR'S STATEMENT ECHOED THAT OF GENERAL STEINHOFF AT THE SPRING DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING AND CALLED FOR A GENERAL DISCUSSION BY PERMREPS.

2. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) SUGGESTED, AND IT WAS AGREED, THAT IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO SACEUR'S STATEMENT BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN GENERAL DISCUSSION BE POSTPONED UNTIL GENERAL STEINHOFF WHO WAS AWAY COULD BE PRESENT TO PARTICIPATE. RUMSFELD INDICATED THAT THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO COMMENT TODAY AND DREW FULLY ON STATE 183857.

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3. MENZIES (CANADA) CONSIDERED THAT FUTURE DISCUSSION SHOULD INCLUDE PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS OF HOW TO RELATE IN THE PUBLIC MIND THE CONCEPT OF MBFR REDUCTIONS WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO STRENGTHEN FORCES AS RECOMMENDED BY SACEUR.

4. SUBJECT WILL BE PLACED ON FUTURE DPC AGENDA.  
RUMSFELD.

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